

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application as amended. Claims 1-8, 10-25, and 27-30 were pending. Claims 1-4, 6, 10, 16, 21, and 27 have been amended. A new claim 31 has been added without introducing any new matter. No claims have been canceled in the current response.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 10-25, and 27-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application, Publication no. 2002/0169771 (hereinafter "Melmon"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections. Note that Applicants reserve the right to swear behind Melmon.

Specifically, claim 1 as amended includes the limitation, or a limitation similar thereto, of:

defining an index field map object to map one or more business components to one or more result fields associated with a search engine, the index field map object including an index field type; (Applicants' Independent Claim 1 as amended; emphasis added).

Melmon, however, does not disclose nor suggest at least the limitations set forth above, as claimed by applicants. Specifically, Melmon does not disclose defining an **index field map object** to map one or more business components to

one or more result fields associated with a search engine, the index field map object including **an index field type**.

According to Melmon, a user can elect the resources desired to be searched, such as by selecting a checkbox associated with a resource type (Melmon, Figure 3A, paragraph 56, lines 1-3). To accommodate the differences in interface and structure of various resources, the *user-supplied query* may be mapped by a search interface manager into the particular *search syntax* for each resource and transmitted concurrently to search all selected resources (Melmon, paragraph 57, lines 1-7). However, Melmon fails to specifically disclose defining an index field map object *to map one or more business components to one or more result fields associated with a search engine*, the index field map object including an *index field type*. Therefore, Melmon fails to anticipate claim 1 as amended.

For at least the reason discussed above with respect to claim 1, Melmon fails to anticipate claims 10, 16, 21, and 27 as amended. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections.

Claims 2-8, 11-15, 17-20, 22-25, and 28-30 depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 10, 16, 21, and 27, respectively. Therefore, claims 2-8, 11-15, 17-20, 22-25, and 28-30 are not anticipated by Melmon for at least the reason discussed above with respect to claim 1. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections.

New Claim 31 depends from claim 16 and includes every limitation set forth in claim 16. Therefore, claim 31 is not anticipated by Melmon for at least

the reason discussed above with respect to claim 16. Allowance of claim 31 is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

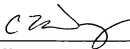
Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call C. Teresa Wong at (408) 720-8300, x377.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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